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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
**08/808,017**

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

**Xuan Thai**

Group Art Unit

**2781**



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on July 6, 1999 and examiner's interview on 9/30/1999.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This is in response to amendments filed on July 6, 1999. Claims 1 and 6 were amended.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the instant application.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael Kelly, Reg. No. 32,848 on September 30, 1999.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

✓  
As per claim 1, line 2; the recitation "buss" has been changed to --bus--.

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As per claim 6, line 17; the recitation "and" has been changed to --said--.

4. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Label each of the Figures 5A to 5D with a "PRIOR ART" legend. In order to

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avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

5. Claims 1-10 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art do not teach the combination of the method steps comprising of transferring a first predetermined number of data items of all data items to be transferred while the first device is occupying the bus, wherein the transferring the first predetermined number of data items is allowed to be continuously transferred without subject to interruption based on a set predetermined period of time *and* determining if the first device should release the bus based on whether or not there is a request from a second device after determining that the first predetermined number of data items have been transferred; and releasing the bus when determining that the first device should release the bus, accordingly (claims 1 and 6). Therefore, the claims 1 and 6 are found to be allowable over the prior art. Claims 2-5 and 7-10 are also allowable because they depend from the allowable independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Xuan M. Thai whose telephone number is (703) 308-2064.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (703) 305-9648.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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TITLE OF INVENTION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PARTIALLY TRANSFERRING DATA THROUGH BUS AND BUS MASTER CONTROL DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
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**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.**

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